

REMARKS

Prior to the above amendments, claims 1-30 were pending in the application. The Examiner issued a Restriction Requirement indicating that Group I claims (apparatus for supercritical processing of a workpiece) and Group II claims (method of supercritical processing a workpiece) are directed to distinct inventions. The Group I claims include claims 1-25, 29, and 30 and the Group II claim include claim 26-28. The Applicant elects Group I without traverse. Therefore, the Applicant elects examination to claims 1-25, 29, and 30 without traverse.

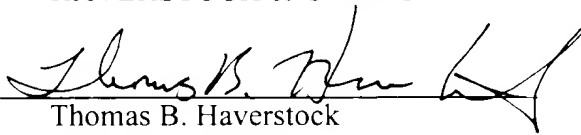
The Applicant expressly reserves the right to file one or more divisional applications directed toward the non-elected group.

The Applicant respectfully requests examination and reconsideration in view of the amendments above and remarks above.

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